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## PATENT APPLICATION

### **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3641**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jean-Louis BOYER et al.

Group Art Unit: 3641

Application No.: 09/101,508

Examiner: T. Chambers

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For: PROGRAMMABLY TIMABLE PRIMING DEVICE

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### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the June 26, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 14 and 16 as follows:

14. (Four Times Amended) A priming device for a detonator, comprising:  
timing means for timing the action of a firing element of a primer;  
an electrical power supply that provides a first power intensity to the timing  
means; and  
power generating means, the power generating means for generating, through  
a resistive circuit, a second power intensity sufficient to actuate the firing element upon  
expiration of a timing interval as determined by the timing means, the first power intensity  
from the power supply not being sufficient to actuate the firing element.